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“Promoting Hate and Harm is Never Okay”

LGBTQ+ Caucus Member and Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber condemns recent anti-LGBTQ+ remarks, legislation

SALEM, Ore. — Today, **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D- Beaverton & SW Portland)** released the following statement:

“As a member of the Oregon State Legislature’s LGBTQ+ Caucus, I am deeply alarmed by the dishonest and disrespectful statements made by Representative Dwayne Yunker. As leaders, our words have power. These categorically false statements from Representative Yunker, and other divisive anti-LGBTQ+ proposals in the legislature, put Oregonians in danger – anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes are on the rise [according to the FBI](#).

This isn’t about partisan divides or respectful disagreements; this is about keeping vulnerable people alive.

I welcome every Oregonian and leader representing them to have open, honest conversations about our values as a state, but promoting hate and harm towards our fellow citizens is never okay.”

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